

**GENERAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE NORTH EAST TEXAS
REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY**

RESOLUTION NO. 14-34

WHEREAS, the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority (“NET RMA”) was created pursuant to the request of Gregg and Smith Counties and in accordance with provisions of the Transportation Code and the petition and approval process established in 43 Tex. Admin. Code § 26.1, *et seq.* (the “RMA Rules”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the NET RMA has been constituted in accordance with the Transportation Code and the RMA Rules; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the initial formation of the NET RMA the Counties of Cherokee, Rusk, Harrison, Upshur, Bowie, Panola, Wood, Van Zandt, Titus, and Kaufman joined the Authority and are represented on the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2014, the NET RMA requested financial assistance from the Texas Department of Transportation (“TxDOT”) for the purpose of purchasing an abandoned Union Pacific (“UP”) railway right-of-way corridor, as shown on the map attached hereto as Attachment “A”; and

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2014, by Minute Order 114027, the Texas Transportation Commission approved the 2015 Unified Transportation Program (“UTP”) which allocated for the purchase of the UP right-of-way corridor \$500,000 of Category 12 funds, of which \$400,000 is comprised of federal funds and the remaining \$100,000 is to consist of local match funds; and

WHEREAS, in order to avoid cancellation of the UTP fund allocation, the NET RMA must solicit the \$100,000 in local match funds and negotiate a sale price with UP for the right-of-way corridor by December 25, 2014.


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the NET RMA Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Interim Executive Director to take such actions as may be necessary to secure the local match funds and to negotiate a sale price with UP for the right-of-way corridor; and

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, that no contract for the purchase of the right-of-way corridor shall be executed without the prior approval of the NET RMA Board of Directors.


Adopted by the Board of Directors of the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority on the 9th day of September, 2014.

Submitted and reviewed by:

Approved:



Lori Fixley Winland
General Counsel for the North East
Texas Regional Mobility Authority



Linda Ryan Thomas
Chair, Board of Directors
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